



River Valley Elementary
and
Early Learning Center



On May 16, 2024, River Valley Early Learning Center conducted a lockdown safety drill. Teachers and students were notified in advance, with extra consideration for students that may have some anxieties about this kind of drill. The drill was initiated at 8:46 with the following announcement "Your attention please. This is a drill. We are in lockdown. Teachers, lock your doors and keep students in your room until further notice. Students or staff should go into the nearest classroom or office. Ignore all alarms and bells unless advised otherwise." The drill was concluded 5 minutes later at approximately 8:51 with an "All clear" announcement.

Students are trained to follow the teacher's directions and move to a safe area in the classroom. Teachers locked doors, covered inside windows, took attendance, and spoke quietly with their students in order to help the children remain calm. Being very cognizant of our youngest learners, teachers were prepared to handle the childrens' fears appropriately. During the drill, all doors were checked. One classroom door and the library doors were not locked. All doors were found to be secured by pin.

There were 110 students and 23 adults present for this drill.

Successful highlights:

A kindergarten student was in the boys' bathroom at the start of the drill. A very quick thinking Kindergarten teacher grabbed him out of the hallway and kept him safely in her room. She sent a text to Mrs. Peterson and the child's teacher to let us know he was safe and accounted for.

Continued area of weakness:

The floor plan of the building makes securing the inner area difficult with limited staff. After more conversation, we are going to move away from attempting to secure the whole space, and make sure that we are getting students and staff into the smaller secured spaces quickly.

Certifications

Our School Board will meet to discuss this drill on June 13, 2024 during our regular meeting. Our school certifies that this drill was conducted on May 16, 2024 and this written evaluation was sent to and reviewed by the school board on June 13, 2024.

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